

Cherwell District Council

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA, on 19 February 2019 at 6.45 pm

Present: Councillor Neil Prestidge (Chairman)

Councillor Phil Chapman
Councillor Mark Cherry
Councillor Chris Heath
Councillor Cassi Perry
Councillor Les Sibley
Councillor Lucinda Wing

Also Present: Councillor John Donaldson - Lead Member for Housing

Apologies for absence: Councillor Sean Gaul
Councillor Mike Bishop
Councillor Tony Mepham
Councillor Sandra Rhodes
Councillor Bryn Williams

Officers: Graeme Kane, Chief Operating Officer (Deputy CEO)
Gillian Douglas, Assistant Director: Housing
Hedd Vaughan Evans, Assistant Director Performance and Transformation
Tim Mills, Private Sector Housing Manager
Yvonne Markie, Strategic Housing Facilitator
Natasha Clark, Governance and Elections Manager
Emma Faulkner, Democratic and Elections Officer

43 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

44 **Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

45 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 22 January 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

46 **Chairman's Announcements**

There were no Chairman's announcements.

47 **Monthly Performance, Risk and Finance Monitoring Report - December 2018**

The Committee considered a report from the Assistant Director – Performance and Transformation that detailed the monthly Performance, Risk and Finance monitoring for December 2018.

In response to questions from the Committee regarding Air Quality Monitoring processes, the Assistant Director – Performance and Transformation agreed to circulate further information after the meeting.

With regard to Wellbeing Activity Maps, the Committee asked how the information about various activities and events was collated for inclusion on the Map. The Assistant Director – Performance and Transformation agreed to seek clarification on the process from the Leisure team and advise the Committee accordingly.

In response to questions regarding taxi suspensions made during December 2018, the Assistant Director – Performance and Transformation agreed to seek further information from the Licensing team and circulate this to the Committee.

Resolved

- (1) That the monthly Performance, Risk and Finance Monitoring report for December 2018 be noted.

48 **Draft Housing Strategy 2019-2024: 'Cherwell - A Place to Prosper'**

The Committee considered a report from the Assistant Director – Social Care Commissioning and Housing, that detailed the draft Housing Strategy for the period 2019 to 2024, 'Cherwell – A Place to Prosper' and included an action plan for implementation of the strategy.

The Assistant Director – Social Care Commissioning and Housing explained that sections of the draft Strategy had been amended following feedback received during the public consultation process.

With regard to a recent change in legislation concerning Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMOs), the Committee asked about the impact of changes on the Council in terms of workload. The Assistant Director – Social Care Commissioning and Housing explained that no impact was anticipated, as the change related to the number of storeys in the house rather than the number of occupants.

Following a request from the Committee the Assistant Director – Social Care Commissioning and Housing agreed to provide an update on progress of the

action plan. The Committee noted that the action plan started on 4 March 2019 and agreed an update in 12 months' time should be added to their work programme.

Resolved

- (1) That, having given due consideration, the results of the public consultation and proposed changes to the Strategy in response to feedback from the public, stakeholders and partners be noted.
- (2) That, having given due consideration, the draft Strategy and action plan be supported for adoption by Executive.
- (3) That officers be requested to provide an update to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on progress against the action plan in 12 months' time.

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Work Programme - 2018/2019

The Democratic and Elections Officers gave an update on the status of topics suggested for Scrutiny, and the indicative Committee Work Programme.

The Chief Operating Officer advised the Committee that consideration of car parking review recommendations would be carried over to the new municipal year.

Resolved

- (1) That, subject to the addition of 'Draft Annual Overview and Scrutiny Report', and 'Authorised Encampment sites in the Local Plan' to the 26 March meeting, and the 'Consideration of Car Parking Review Recommendations' being moved to items to be allocated section, the work programme be noted.

The meeting ended at 7.40 pm

Chairman:

Date: